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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements previously filed, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Supplemental European Search Report dated February 2, 2007, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. 04793136.5, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) European Patent Publication No. EP 1 333 395 A1, along with patent family members U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0148492 A1 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0054647 A1;
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0198337 A1;
- (3) International Publication No. WO 00/41104 A2; and
- (4) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0069797 A1, and patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0094772 A1.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the Supplemental European Search Report.


Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign and international documents are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Supplemental European Search Report is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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